

Town of Angier Board of Commissioners'
Special-Called, Budget Workshop
May 16, 2016 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Angier Municipal Building
Minutes

The Town of Angier Board of Commissioners convened during a special-called Budget Workshop Tuesday, May 16, 2016, in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Lewis W. Weatherspoon
Mayor/Pro Tem Commissioner Bob Smith
Commissioner Jerry Hockaday
Commissioner Craig Honeycutt

Members Absent: Commissioner Alvis McKoy

Staff Present: Town Manager Coley B. Price
Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler
Public Works Director Jimmy Cook
Police Chief Bobby Hallman
Finance Director Vanessa Young
Angier Librarian Amanda Davis
Planning and Permitting Technician Sean Johnson
Town Clerk Kim Lambert

Staff Absent: Parks and Recreation Department Derek McLean

Others Present: There was no representation from *The Daily Record*

A quorum was established as the Mayor and three Board members attended the May 16, 2016, Budget Workshop.

2. Mayor Lewis W. Weatherspoon presided, calling the Budget Workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.
3. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Commissioner Bob Smith offered the invocation.

Presentation of the Preliminary 2016 ~ 2017 Budget:

Mayor Weatherspoon yielded to Town Manager Coley Price who prefaced the Budget presentation by saying staff members had been faced with "a number of challenges while trying to maintain a balanced budget." He said that, thanks to the Town Board's "strong leadership and excellent team, it has managed to maintain a strong fund balance during tough economic times."

The recommended budget for the 2016 ~ 2017 General Fund is \$ 3,271,232, a 5.75 percent increase over the 2016 fiscal year. The recommended budget from the Water/Sewer operating budget is \$ 2,898,941, a 28 percent increase over the 2016 fiscal year.

The Board reviewed each section of the Preliminary 2016 ~ 2017 Budget, defining which expenses have been allocated to the General Fund, the Utility Fund, the Powell Bill and/or Capital Project Funds. It was recommended that the Town retain its current tax rate of 53 cents per \$100 of valuation, which has not increased since 2006.

During this year's budget preparation, the staff has shown only a moderate to no growth rate in addition to a modest revenue projection with an expected decline in the number of single-family homes being constructed in the coming fiscal year. Proposed calculations for the 2016 ~ 2017 year will be based on the construction of 12 homes.

Department heads submitted their respective expense requests for the coming year.

Mr. Price's recommendations for the General Fund expenditures include, in the Street Department, purchasing a \$ 30,000 truck; pouring concrete for the Campbell Street building for \$ 15,000; and installing storage bays and garage doors at the Campbell Street building for \$ 20,000.

For the Police Department, officials are considering hiring an architect to remodel the annex for police, \$ 25,000.

For the Parks and Recreation Department, Mr. Price recommended purchasing composite board materials for \$ 28,000 at the Jack Marley Park's walking trail bridge and \$ 16,500 to extend the berm at Williams and North Hickory Streets.

A recommended increase in professional fees were to include contracting with Economic Development Specialist Ted Abernathy; updating the Town's UDO; and hiring Land Use and Transportation consultants.

Proposed changes: Recommended water and sewer expenditures for the coming year could entail some major expenses including the installation of a booster pump station for \$ 210,650 at Johnson's Landing; a \$ 400,000 distribution expansion at Rawls Church Road; an estimated \$ 35,000 to upgrade an interceptor line at Neill's Creek; hiring EnviroLink to conduct a water and sewer review for an estimated \$ 15,000; \$ 90,000 to cover engineer design services for the water tank; and a sewer metering station for \$ 15,000.

Because of the exorbitant number of accounts becoming delinquent each month, it was recommended that the first late fee/disconnection rate remain at \$ 35; the second late fee/disconnection rate remain at \$ 50; and charging customers \$ 75 for three or more offenses. Mr. Price recommended a \$ 1 rate increase for in-town residents' water base rate and sewer flat rate, raising the fee to \$ 16.70 and \$ 15.75, respectively. He recommended a \$ 2 rate increase for out-of-town residents' water base rate and sewer flat rate, raising the fee to \$ 33.40 and \$ 31.50, respectively. For annexation applicants, it is suggested that they be required to pay a \$ 250 processing fee in addition to covering all advertising costs involved with the annexation.

Board Action: The Town Board tentatively approved that the suggested budget and minor changes go before the regularly scheduled Tuesday, June 7, 2016, Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Smith
Seconded: Commissioner Honeycutt
Vote: Unanimous, 3 ~ 0

With no further business to discuss for the evening of May 16, 2016, the mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.

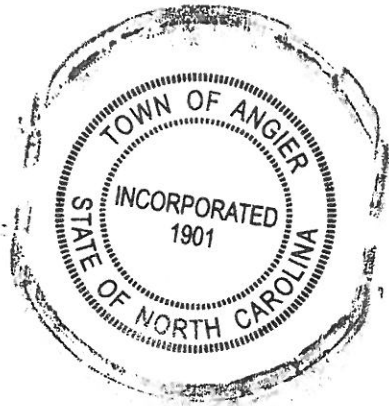
Motion: Commissioner Honeycutt
Seconded: Commissioner Smith
Vote: Unanimous, 3 ~ 0

The May 16, 2016, Board of Commissioners' meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.


Lewis W. Weatherspoon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kim Lambert, Town Clerk



Addendum pages as referenced in these minutes follow and are a part of the official record